

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 985

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Bud Brandon and the Wilson Central High School girls' basketball team upon winning the 2006 TSSAA Class AAA Girls' Basketball State Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable athletic team is the Wilson Central High School girls' basketball team, who recently won the 2005-2006 TSSAA Class AAA Girls' Basketball State Title; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Bud Brandon, the Wilson Central High School girls' basketball team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2005-2006 basketball season, establishing an excellent record of thirty-two wins against only seven losses, claiming the Girls' Basketball District 9-AAA Title and Region 5-AAA Runner-Up, and winning the TSSAA Class AAA Girls' Basketball State Championship; and

WHEREAS, after defeating Memphis Northside by the score of 53-43 in the first round of the State tournament, Wilson Central defeated Cleveland High School by the score of 47-30 to advance to the Class AAA State Championship Game; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson Central girls' basketball team captured the TSSAA Class AAA Girls' Basketball State Title by defeating Shelbyville 44-38 in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, the members of this extremely talented and gifted basketball team are: Elizabeth Martin, Heather Simonis, Jasmine Hassell, Breonna Brown, Tierney Jenkins, Kristyn

Clark, Jenny Hall, Sydney Ketcher, Rebecca Stewart, Cameryn Calhoun, Lauren Farmer, Lauren Wasson, Kelsey McGee, Shelley Stewart, Rachael Stewart, and Sara Williams; and

WHEREAS, Tierney Jenkins was tabbed as the State Tournament's Most Valuable Player, was selected to the All-State and All-Region Tournament Teams, and was chosen as the Class AAA Mid-State Player of the Year by the Tennessee Sports Writers Association; and

WHEREAS, Sara Williams and Jasmine Hassell were both named to the All-District, All-Region, and All-State Tournament Teams; and

WHEREAS, Cameryn Calhoun was named to the All-District and All-State Tournament Teams, and Breonna Brown was named to the All-District 9-AAA Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Bud Brandon was named the Class AAA Coach of the Year by the Tennessee Sports Writers Association, a testament to his unflagging commitment to excellence and his uncommon coaching abilities; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Head Coach Bud Brandon's able leadership, the Wilson Central High School girls' basketball team also benefited from the hard work and guidance of Assistant Coaches Campbell Brandon, Jay Holladay, and Scott Moore and Bench Managers Melanie Jones and Audriana Saddler; and

WHEREAS, playing a vital role in preserving Wilson Central's success, Nikki Eversole and Brittany Farmer recorded team statistics, and Courtney Chapman and Kayla White videotaped team games; and

WHEREAS, contributing countless hours of service to our State's youth, the administrative staff of Wilson Central High School includes Principal Larry Kernagis, Assistant Principals Susie Breedwell, Jason Franklin, and Travis Mayfield, who also serves as the Athletic Director; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout, the members of the Wilson Central High School girls' basketball team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a memorable championship season, but also surely point toward their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, maintaining an average GPA of 3.61, the Wilson Central girls' basketball team is dedicated to excellence both on the court and in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body should recognize this amazing and talented group of young women; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the coaches and players of the Wilson Central High School girls' basketball team upon achieving an extraordinary level of success during the 2005-2006 season and capturing the TSSAA Class AAA Girls' Basketball State Title and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.